Case #_____

Assigned by MDPH Staff if bird is to be
submitted for testing

LAB USE ONLY
Laboratory ID_____

Date Received_____

West Nile Virus Dead Bird Reporting and Test Request Form

Reporting of Dead Bird
Report dead birds to the WNV Information Line at 1-866-MASS WNV (627-7968). The information below is required for surveillance purposes and to assess bird and mosquito collection and testing needs. **Please fill this form out completely**.

Has this bird already been reported to the WNV Information Line?   **Yes / No**
(If "yes", write the assigned case number in the box at the top left of this page)   (circle one)

CALLER/ SUBMITTER CONTACT INFORMATION: Date of Report_____

Name_____

Organization_____

City/Town _____Zip Code_____ Phone_____

BIRD INFORMATION: Number of Birds (if applicable)_____

List Species of Bird(s): _____   Date bird(s) found: _____

Street address where bird(s) was found: _____

City/Town: _____   Zip Code_____

Name and phone number of resident reporting bird(s) (if different from above):

Name_____Phone_____

A bird is not satisfactory for testing if it has been dead for more than 24 hours and not refrigerated, or exhibits any obvious signs of decomposition (i.e., its eyes are not intact or visible, or there are maggots or flies present). **A bird that is not satisfactory for testing should not be submitted to the laboratory.**

Is the bird(s) SATISFACTORY for testing: **Yes / No**
                                                                                    (circle one)

Comments_____

Transport of Bird
If the Department of Public Health determines that the bird is to be submitted for testing, a case number will be given over the phone and must be written on the bags containing the bird as well as on the top left of this form. All specimens must be properly packaged in double plastic bags with ice packs and must include case number and this completed form. Please do not submit birds with wet ice (ice cubes) unless ice and bird are in separate closed bags.

Disposal of Dead Birds Not Sent for Testing
Do not touch a bird with bare hands. Use double plastic bags to dispose of any bird not being submitted for testing. Once sealed in the double plastic bags, a dead bird can be placed in the trash. Wash hands with soap and water after disposal.